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CT Legislators:

I am writing to ask that if you increase the days to sell alcohol at stores on Sunday that you increase the appropriations of substance abuse agencies.

We all know that increased consumption leads to more difficulties that our agencies must deal with in the future. It may seem that specific changes in alcohol availability do not matter, but agency client problems are related to consumption factors, which are directly tied to availability.

It appears that off premise consumption, which is less costly than restaurant or bar drinking, is more prevalent with clients we take into our system. The initial incident reports also show a correlation to alcohol related problems, which are now lower on a Sunday in our state. Lets keep it that way, it will only cost us more in the budget, haven't we learned that yet?

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